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Eagles and Fighting Camels to battle in Paulson
Football

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The Georgia Southern football team kicks off its 2020 season this Saturday when it hosts Campbell in a non-conference game at Allen E. Paulson Stadium. Kickoff is set for 3:30 p.m. and will be broadcast nationally on ESPNU. The game will also be available via radio on the Georgia Southern Sports Network. Here's all you need to know about the game:

Game 1: Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020 • 3:30 PM

Location: Statesboro, Ga. (Allen E. Paulson Stadium; 25,000 - 6,250 COVID Capacity)

Sponsor: Morris Bank

Promotions: Night of Champions; Healthcare and First Responder Appreciation

Records:

Campbell: 0-0

Georgia Southern: 0-0

Broadcast Information

Broadcast: ESPNU

PBP: Bill Roth; Analyst: Rene Ingoglia

Radio: Georgia Southern Sports Network

PBP: [Danny Reed](#); Analyst: Terry Harvin; Sidelines: Russ Brown

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Overall: First Meeting

Current Streak: N/A

Last Meeting: N/A

Nuggets You May Want To Consume: This will be the first meeting between Georgia Southern and Campbell ... This will be one of just four games for the FCS Camels this season, all against FBS schools, three of which play in the Sun Belt ... Georgia Southern is 2-1 all-time against current teams from the Big South (2-1 vs. Gardner-Webb) ... Georgia Southern has won 12 of its past 13 home openers and is 29-7-1 all-time in home openers, including 29-6 at Allen E. Paulson Stadium ... Georgia Southern has won 24 straight games at home against non-conference opponents (including vacated wins and FCS Playoff games) dating back to a Nov. 18, 2006 overtime loss to end the season against Central Arkansas ... The Eagles are 57-30-1 in the modern era against teams from the Tar Heel State ... The last game against a non-conference opponent from North Carolina was NC State in 2014, a 24-23 loss ... The last non-conference team from North Carolina to play in Paulson Stadium was Johnson C. Smith, who fell 84-3 in 2004 ... The last team from North Carolina to play in Paulson Stadium was Appalachian State in 2018, which came in ranked No. 25 in the country and fell to the Eagles, 34-14 ... GS is 7-9 all-time in games broadcast on ESPNU, 4-2 at home ... It will have been 185 days since a Georgia Southern athletics team took the field (March 11, baseball win over No. 3 Georgia) when game day arrives on Sept. 12.

Countdown to Kickoff

- 10: All **10** offensive players who accounted for all 3,275 offensive rushing yards in 2019 return in 2020.
- 9: Senior quarterback [Shaj Werts](#) needs **nine** rushing yards to pass former Eagle signal caller Kevin Ellison and move into third place on the Sun Belt's career rushing list for quarterbacks. Werts has 2,370 career rushing yards and needs 474 yards to set a new conference record.
- 8: Over the past two seasons, Georgia Southern has committed an FBS-low 16 turnovers, **eight** fewer than the next lowest total (Oregon State; 24).
- 7: This is the first of **seven** GS football games scheduled to be played in the state of Georgia this season.
- 6: Georgia Southern returns **six** players who started all 13 games last season, five of whom play defense. Those five are: ILB [Rashad Byrd](#), S [Kenderick Duncan Jr.](#), ILB [Reynard Ellis](#), OLB [Randy Wade Jr.](#), and DE [Traver Vliem](#). The other player is OL [Drew Wilson](#).
- 5: Senior [Raymond Johnson III](#) has **five** recovered fumbles for his career, one short of tying the school record of six held by Michael Berry (1988-91).
- 4: The Eagles have lost just **four** times (13-4) when winning the "Middle Eight" battle under head coach [Chad Lunsford](#).
- 3: Georgia Southern's .828 winning percentage at Paulson Stadium is the **third** best among current FBS home stadiums behind Alabama's .831 and Boise State's .829.
- 2: The Eagles have lost just **two** of their six all-time games at Paulson Stadium broadcast on ESPNU.
- 1: This will be the **first** football meeting between Georgia Southern and Campbell.

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